Online Seminar on

Agroforestry for Wood production – Issues and Challenges

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The Extension Division, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun organized an online seminar where subject experts expressed their views and suggested effective strategies for adoption of agroforestry and establishment its linkages to wood based industries on sustainable basis. At the outset, Dr. Charan Singh, Scientist-F, invited Mrs. Richa Misra, IFS, Head Extension Division for welcome address and opening remarks on the seminar. Mrs. Richa Misra welcomed the all resource persons, participants and invited Dr. Renu Singh, IFS, Director of the institute for inaugural address. Dr. Renu Singh, FRI spoke at length about the forest resources in the country and how the trees outside forest are contributing substantially in helping meet up the supply demand of timber for construction and other wood based industries. She spoke about the low productivity of the available species along with poor quality planting material, inadequate extension and restrictive legislation policies which have been responsible for agroforestry not being taken up in a big way by farmers. She wished the webinar success & hoped that it would result in clear action points and deliverables for future course action.

Subject experts, Dr. Arvind Bijalwan, HoD and Director Academics, VCSG Uttarakhand University of Horticulture and Forestry, Rani Chouri, Dr. A. K. Handa, Principal Scientist, Central Agroforestry Research Institute, Jhansi, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Scientist-G, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, Dr. Devendra Pandey,

IFS, Former Director General Forest Survey of India, Dehradun, Shri Dharmendra Kumar Daukia, Vice President, Green Panel Industries Ltd, Tirupati and Shri Pradeep Bakshy, Progressive Farmer, Yamunanagar, Haryana expressed their views and suggested way out and strategies for sustainable agriculture and hurdle free wood supply to wood based industries.

The seminar concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Charan Singh, Scientist-F Extension Division of the institute. Dr. Devendra Kumar, Scientist-E and Rambir Singh, Scientist-E worked as rappoteurs during the seminar. Other team members of Extension Division including Shri Vijay Kumar, Pritpal Singh, Mrs. Poonam Pant, Shri Ramesh Singh and Public Liaison Office, Shri Virendra Rawat and Shri Neelesh Yadav and supporting staff IT Cell of the institute did a commendable work to make the programme successful.

Glimpses of the event

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एशियाई क्षेत्र में भारत लकड़ी के प्रमुख उत्पादकों और उपभोक्ताओं में से एक है। वढ़ती आवादी, तेजी से औद्योगिकीकरण और अन्य तकनीकी विकास ने लकड़ी की एक विस्तृत श्रृंखला की महत्वपूर्ण मांग पैदा की है, जिसके परिणाम स्वरूप वार-वार वड़े पैमाने पर आयात हुआ है। प्राकृतिक वनों से लकड़ी प्राप्त करने में कानूनी प्रतिवंधों के साथ भारत के जंगलों की कम उत्पादकता ने मांग और आपूर्ति में भारी अंतर पैदा कर दिया, जिससे घरेलू खपत और औद्योगिक उपयोगिता के लिए कच्चे माल की जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिए कृषि वानिकी की स्थापना की ओर ध्यान वढ़ा। अव कृषि वानिकी में मांग और आपूर्ति के वीच के अंतर को पूरा करने की क्षमता है।

वन अनुंसधान संस्थान में विस्तार प्रभाग की ओर से शुक्रवार को आयोजित वेवीनार में शिरकत कर रहे विशेषज्ञों ने यह वातें कही है। संस्थान की निदेशक डा.रेणु सिंह ने वेवीनार का उद्घाटन किया। इस अवसर पर उन्होंने देश में वन संसाधनों के वारे में विस्तार से वात की और वताया कि कैसे जंगल के वाहर के पेड़ निर्माण और अन्य लकड़ी आधारित उद्योगों के लिए लकड़ी की आपूर्ति की मांग को पूरा करने में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान दे रहे हैं।

खराव गुणवत्ता वाली रोपण सामग्री, अपर्याप्त विस्तार और प्रतिवंधात्मक कानूनी नीतियों के साथ उपलब्ध प्रजातियों की कम उत्पादकता के संदर्भ में भी उन्होंने अपनी वात रखी, जो किसानों द्वारा वड़े पैमाने पर कृषि वानिकी के लिए जिम्मेदार नहीं हैं। इससे पहले वरिष्ठ वैज्ञानिक डा. चरण सिंह व ऋचा मिश्रा ने वेवीनार में शिरकत कर रहे विशेषज्ञों का स्वागत किया।

वानिकी विवि के डा.अरविंद विजल्वाण, डा.एके हांडा, डा.अशोक कुमार, डा.देवेन्द्र पांडे, धर्मेंद्र कुमार, प्रदीप वखी आदि ने भी अपने विचार रखे।

वेवीनार को संवोधित करतीं संस्थान की निदेशक डा. रेणु सिंह।

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